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Static Surveillance Teams to watch election expenditure

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra interacts with Sector Officers, Police, Revenue, GST, Flying Squads to assess poll preparedness

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (BCT)- With an aim to keep a close watch over election-related expenditure by candidates, Static Surveillance Teams will be constituted by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Election Officer, covering areas falling under Mysuru District jurisdiction.

The teams will put check-posts at expenditure sensitive pockets and will keep watch over movement of illicit liquor, items of bribe or large amounts of cash, arms and ammunition and also movement of anti-social elements in their areas.

At an interaction this morning with more than 100 Sector Officers, Police, Excise, Expenditure Officers, Flying Surveillance Teams, VST, VVT, Assistant Expenditure Observers (AEO), AT, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC), Flying Squads, BDO, and Static Surveillance Teams drawn from all the taluks of Mysuru district including Mysuru city, the DC asked the officers to be extra vigilant and understand the procedures as stipulated by the Election Commission of India.

(See TEAMS on page 7)

Status report on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

Vehicles go around Toll Plaza to avoid paying toll

Use unopened service road to get back on Expressway

NHAI cites revenue loss of Rs. 65 lakh per day

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&BCT)- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has a new headache just a day after introducing a toll fee on the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch of the Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-lane Expressway. Motorists coming from Bengaluru side are taking an abrupt left turn near Kaniminike Toll Plaza to the service road to avoid paying the user fee.

Only 10 percent of the motorists heading from Bengaluru to Mysuru are paying the toll and other vehicles including trucks, buses, goods vehicles, tippers and light motor vehicles are avoiding fees by swerving into the service road just before the Toll Booth near Kaniminike.

Expressway Project Director B.T. Sridhar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the motorists are taking the abrupt left turn after a flyover near Christ University.

(See VEHICLES on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 15th March 2023

Summer Camp-2023 at Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SSM)- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), Mysuru, has organised a Summer Camp for students aged between 12 and 18 years.

The camp will be held for 10 days and will be organised in two batches. The 1st batch will be held from Apr. 17 to 26 while the 2nd batch will be from May 5 to 14. The camp will be held between 10 am and 4 pm on all the ten days.

In this camp, students will get exposure to basics of Captive Wild Animals Management and Wildlife Conservation. Students can learn about management of animals at Zoo, animal behaviour, conservation of wild animals. There will be classes on subjects covering various aspects related to these issues. Zoo Veterinary Officers and other subject experts will interact with the participants.

Application forms for both the batches can be obtained from the Zoo Office and the filled-in applications along with copies of Aadhaar Card or birth certificate and recent stamp size photo must be submitted before Apr. 5 by paying a camp fee of Rs. 1,000.

For details, call Mob: 96866-68099 or e-mail to: *edumysore99@gmail.com.*

Intimation and details will be sent to the selected members to attend the camp through e-mail, according to a press release from the Deputy Conservator of Forests and Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

City Zoo to recruit Veterinary Assistant on contract basis

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SSM) - Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru, will be recruiting Veterinary Assistant on contract basis with a monthly salary of Rs. 20,000.

Interested candidates aged below 28 years and having a pass in Diploma in Animal Husbandry may attend the walk-in interview carrying necessary documents. Candidates with experience in the field will be given preference.

The interview for the selection of suitable candidate will be held on Mar. 20 at 11 am at the Office of the Executive Director, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It is amazing what has happened in India. I left India in 1973, almost 50 years ago. In the first few decades after that, there was a lot of curiosity among people to know what was going on in the US. But now, it is the other way around. People in the US want to be in India because they see so many opportunities. We have so many unicorns and entrepreneurs in technology. Entrepreneurs in India today are solving problems on a global scale, or for large businesses. We are yet to see a revolution where the millions of entrepreneurs in India solve the problems of rural India and Tier II cities. I am hoping that over the next decade, we will see that revolution.

First of all, people need more income to enable them to solve their own problems. One nice thing about India is that regardless of how poor people are, they give great importance to education. I have not seen that kind of commitment anywhere else in the world. If India can find a way to educate the next generation of children, the country will move forward very quickly, because we have a lot of young people here. *—Gururaj Deshpande, Entrepreneur and Venture Capitalist, in Deccan Herald*

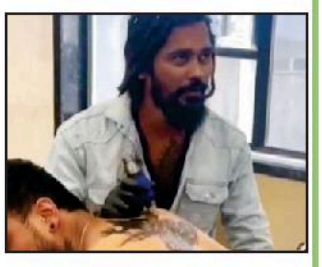
NEWS SPARKLERS

This ocean vessel looks like it's sinking

New York: The aptly-named R/P FLIP is an open ocean research platform that can flip between the horizontal and vertical position at the flip of a button and is often mistaken for a capsizing ship.

Owned by the U.S. Office of Naval Research, the FLIP (short for 'Floating Instrument Platform') is a 108-meter-long ocean research platform designed to partially flood and pitch backward 90°, leaving only the 17-meter end above water, in a vertical position, with the bulkheads acting as decks. Because most of the ballast for the platform is actually ocean water at depths below the influence of surface waves, the R/P FLIP behaves like a buoy, which means it is virtually immune to wave action. The platform's hull is designed to resist twisting. After its mission is complete, compressed air is pushed into the large ballast tanks, causing the entire platform to flip back into a horizontal position.

Artist tattoos for 91 hours, breaks record



Vadodara: A tattoo artist broke a Guinness World Record (GWR) when he spent 91 consecutive hours giving tattoos to 64 people.

Ishan Rana of Vadodara started tattooing on March 3 and finished on March 7, after giving a total 74 tattoos to 64 people.

The previous record was 61 hours and 37 minutes, set by Italian tattoo artist Giovanni Vassallo in August 2022. Rana said he was told that record had already been surpassed with a 65-hour session.

Rana said he consulted GWR before making his attempt to ensure he was following all of the record-keeping organisation's rules. He said he was allowed a 20-minute break every four hours.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Apart from acting as a filter, kidneys also produce various hormones which regulate bodily functions. Renin is one such hormone which is responsible for high blood pressure.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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T.S. Nagabharana to release two books of Amshi Prasanna in city

T.S. Nagabharana Amshi Prasanna

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SSM)- Two books 'Sahitya Sampada' and 'Sahitya San-gama,' authored by Senior Journ-alist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, will be released at a programme organised jointly by Vismaya Book House and Sahitya Loka Samsthe at Rani Bahadur Auditorium in Manasagangothri campus on Mar. 19 at 4.30 pm.

Veteran Film Director and Kannada Development Authority former Chairman T.S. Nagabharana will release the book while Pampa Awardee and senior litterateur Prof. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) will preside. Columnist Gubbigoodu Ramesh will be the chief guest. Author Amshi Prasanna will be present.

Renowned singer Amma Ramachandra and troupe will give a music programme before the book release. Dr. CPK has written the preface for 'Sahitya Sampada' book while Prof. Kalegowda Nagavara has written preface to 'Sahitya Sangama,' according to a press release from Sahitya Loka Samsthe President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna ad Prakash Chikkapalya of Vismaya Book House.

Cricket: Vishnu Priyan shines for Jawahar CC

Vishnu Priyan

Mysuru, Mar. 15- In the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) - Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Memorial Tournament for Group-I - I Division League 2022-23, Jawahar Cricket Club (Jawahar CC) scored 328/9 against Mysuru City Gymkhana 293/10.

Jawahar CC Captain Vishnu Priyan's 112 runs helped the team get three points.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Connecting flights needed for a few more cities

Sir,

We are really happy that our Mysuru city is growing in good speed and has become a great flying destination. This has become possible due to our Government's efforts under UDAN [Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik, known by its acronym UDAN, is a regional airport development programme of the Government of India and part of the Regional Connectivity Scheme of upgrading under-serviced air routes].

However, the connectivity of Mysuru to the bigger cities of the North is yet to be achieved. Smaller flights could be introduced to Mumbai and Delhi at least two or three days in a week. This will make travel abroad more easy.

There is also a need to have flights, once or twice a week, to Tirupathi, Mangaluru and Shirdi. Travel to these destinations is very difficult through other means, particularly for the elderly. I hope the authorities concerned will take note of this and do the needful.

It is pointless to wait for endless months or years for building a big runway for Mysore airport!

—Kala Chary

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International Conference at VVCE

Mysuru, Mar. 15- The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, is organising its Fourth Annual International Conference on Data Science, Machine Learning and Blockchain Technology [AICDMB-2023] sponsored by AICTE, New Delhi, on Mar. 16 and 17.

It is a yearly event for a world-class gathering of researchers from academia and industry, practitioners and business leaders, providing a forum for discussing cutting edge research and directions for new innovative business and technology.

The Conference will be inaugurated by chief guests Dr. Hong Lin, Professor & Scientist, Department of Computer Science, University of Houston, USA and Dr. Dalibor Dobrilovic, Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Novi Sad, Zrenjanin, Republic of Serbia, tomorrow at BC Lingaiah Hall of VVCE at 10 am. Dr. Hong Lin and Dr. Dalibor Dobrilovic will be the keynote speakers.

Dr. A.P. Prathosh, Department of Electrical Communication Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, will be the chief guest and keynote speaker during the valedictory function on Mar. 17.

Gundappa Gowda, President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Mysuru, will preside over the inaugural function. P. Vishwanath, Secretary, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Shrishaila Ramannavar, Treasurer, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE will be the guests of honour. Dr. M.R. Pooja, Professor & Head, Departmnet of CS&E, VVCE, and also the Programme Chair for AICDMB-2023, Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Computer Sciences ,VVCE, Dr. G.B. Krishnappa, Dean, R&D, VVCE and Dr. H.L. Gururaj, Associate Professor, Department of IT, MIT, Bengaluru will be present during inauguration.

Research Scholars and Faculty members from various parts of the country and outside will present research papers under various tracks including Data Science, Machine Learning and Blockchain Technology.

Farm Brunch at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

Unique dining experience featuring millet specialities and healthy desserts

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Mysuru, has launched Farm Brunch, a unique dining experience that combines delicious and healthy food with sustainable practices.

Farm Brunch will feature a variety of millet-based dishes. These dishes are not only delicious but also packed with essential nutrients and fibre, making them a healthy choice. The dessert menu will showcase healthy options such as fruit-based desserts and vegan cakes, all made with ingredients sourced locally. The desserts are not only tasty but also a guilt-free indulgence, perfect for those with a sweet tooth.

"We are going vocal for local and believe that sustainable dining is the way of the future," said Ganesh Prabhakar, the F&B Head of the Hotel.

"Farm Brunch at Spring is a testament to our commitment to sustainability and healthy living. We are excited to offer our customers a dining experience that not only tastes great but also supports local farmers and reduces our impact on the environment," he added.

Farm Brunch is more than just a meal, it's an experience that showcases the best of sustainable dining.

The hotel invites everyone to come and try the millet specialities and healthy desserts while supporting local farmers and reducing their carbon footprint. Farm Brunch will be available every Sunday all through March and starts at 12.30 pm. For reservation, call Ph: 0821- 7101234.

Passing out parade tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SSM)- The Passing Out Parade of the eighth batch of Women Civil Police, Railway and KSISF Constables and the 4th batch of Women Civil Police Constables of Temporary Police Training School, Mysuru, will take place at DAR Parade Grounds in Jyothinagar, Mysuru, tomorrow (Mar. 16) at 8 am.

DGP (Police Training Division) Dr. P. Ravindranath will receive the Guard of Honour and distribute prizes to outstanding passing out trainees.

IGP (Southern Range) Praveen Madhukar Pawar and City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh will be the chief guests, according to a press release from Police Training School Principal M.S. Geetha Prasanna and Temporary Police Training School Principal A. Maruthi.

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Re-Tenders are invited through e-Procurement from reputed Persons / Firms for quarterly procurement of Canteen Provision Items for our unit at Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru from April-2023 to June-2023.

Tender documents, details of the notification, schedule terms and conditions can be downloaded from the Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Last Date and Time for Uploading the tender **along with the EMD of Rs. 20,000/-** through e-Procurement is **24-03-2023 upto 3.00 P.M.** The Technical bids will be Opened on **27-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M.**

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NEWS BRIEFS

Adalat postponed

Pension Adalat for the pensioners of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts, which was scheduled to take place today (Mar. 15), has been postponed to Apr. 17. As the financial year is coming to an end, the officers of various Departments and staff are busy in billing works, which might affect them from attending the Adalat. Hence, the Adalat has been postponed, according to the State Pension Payment and Monitoring Treasury Additional Director.

Battery vehicle facility at Chamundi Hill

The Chamundeshwari Temple Executive Officer has, in a press release, informed that Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Ltd. (BRBNMPL) has sponsored battery-run vehicles to help specially-abled, senior citizens, pregnant women and aged people to move around the Temple vicinity easily. The battery vehicle will pick-up people from the bus stop near Mahishasura statue to the Temple and drop them back to the bus stop. The vehicle service has started from Mar. 10 and those in need may avail the facility.

Ph.D awardee

D.A. Ravikumara has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'An Empirical Analysis of Agriculture Warehousing System in India - A Case Study of Mysore District' [Guide: Dr. H.R. Uma]

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Inflow	:	111	cusecs
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Anatomy of online bank fraud

How to identify and not get duped?

By B.N. Pramodh

In recent years, we have seen a lot of cases being reported for online bank fraud. According to NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau), there's a decline in online bank fraud in India, with reported cases dropping from 160 crore in 2020-21 to 128 crore in 2021-22, but it is important to note that the CEN (Cyber Economic and Narcotics Crime) Police can take action only after a fraud has occurred, which is why it is crucial for individuals, especially senior citizens, to understand how these frauds take place and how to protect themselves.

Raising awareness is one of the most effective ways to combat online banking fraud. Banks and other organisations regularly remind individuals of the dangers of online banking fraud and the steps they should take to protect themselves through various mediums such as social media, television and newspapers. For example, they remind individuals that **banks never ask for their username or password and that they should never share this information with anyone.**

Furthermore, various Government and law enforcement agencies provide awareness and training programmes for citizens, where they are educated about the different types of online fraud, latest tactics and techniques fraudsters use, how to identify and avoid these types of scams and also about the legal and financial consequences of online frauds. They also educate individuals about the importance of keeping personal information private and secure and about the warning signs of online fraud.

Despite these efforts, fraudsters continue to find ways to entice individuals into falling prey to their scams. **Here are some of the steps that fraudsters take to carry out online bank fraud:**

1. Fraudsters obtain databases of bank account holders and credit card holders from the internet.

2. They then send SMS messages through various numbers. One should be alert when they receive an SMS from an unknown number about their bank account details. **Usually, banks send their SMS with their names in the message and these messages are pre-approved by mobile phone service providers. However, fraudsters can use similar numbers to impersonate the bank.** Also, SMS technology has evolved and block-chain technology is used to trace and track messages. If you get an SMS from a number about your bank account, delete the SMS immediately and do not click on any links.

You may also receive a call before or after the SMS is sent, stating that you have to update your bank details and a link has been sent, or your bank account will be frozen, closed, etc. Generally, this call will be in a threatening tone. Do not do anything. Just disconnect. Look at the SMS, if it appears discontinuous and words are split with 'or,' or '- .' Get alert that it's fake and delete.

3. If by chance, you click on the link in the SMS, it will take you to a webpage similar to your bank's website. There, they will ask for your customer ID, password and mobile number. If you find yourself on this fraudulent website, check the URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of the website. It will not belong to the bank and will usually be difficult to read. Many times, since this is opened in Google, the URL is not clearly seen, unless it is opened in a browser. This is also taken advantage of.

4. The fraudsters may also use SSL certificates (Secure Sockets Layer, a security protocol that creates an encrypted link between a web server and a web browser) to make the website look like it is safe for transactions. This is done to convince individuals that the website is legitimate.

These citizens, especially senior citizens, are often targeted by fraudsters for online banking fraud, as they may be less familiar with technology and more trusting of unsolicited requests for personal information.

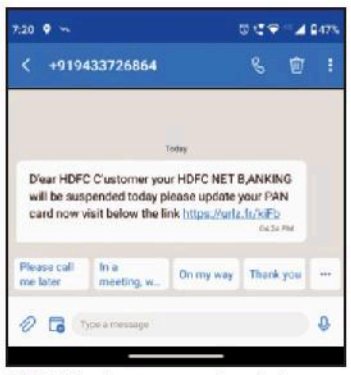
Here are some steps that senior citizens can take to protect themselves from online bank fraud:

Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls or e-mails: Fraudsters may try to trick senior citizens into revealing their personal information through unsolicited phone calls or e-mails. Always be cautious of unsolicited phone calls or e-mails, especially if they ask for personal information or financial details.

Never share personal information over the phone or e-mail: Senior citizens should never share personal information such as passwords, Aadhaar numbers or credit card numbers over the phone or e-mail. Banks and other legitimate organisations will never ask for this information over the phone or e-mail.

Use a secured computer and internet connection: Senior citizens should use a secured computer and internet connection when accessing online banking services. This means using a strong password, keeping anti-virus and anti-malware software up-to-date and being cautious of suspicious e-mails or pop-ups that may contain malware.

Use two-factor authentication: Many banks offer two-factor authentication for online banking transactions, which requires a second form of verification beyond a password. This can include a text message code or a fingerprint scanner. This provides an additional layer of security and makes it more difficult for fraudsters to gain access to an individual's bank account.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Be aware of phishing scams: Phishing scams involve fraudsters tricking individuals into giving away their personal information by posing as a legitimate institution. Senior citizens should be aware of phishing scams and know how to identify them. They can do this by looking out for suspicious e-mails, messages and phone calls, being careful not to click on links or download attachments from unknown sources, and looking out for URLs that do not match the institution they claim to be.

Keep updated with the latest fraud trends and alerts: Senior citizens should keep themselves updated with the latest fraud trends and alerts so that they can identify the latest methods used by the scammers.

Seek help: If senior citizens suspect that they have been the victim of online bank fraud, they should seek help immediately. They should contact their bank, the Police and other relevant authorities as soon as possible to report the fraud and take steps to prevent further losses.

Educate yourself: Finally, senior citizens should educate themselves about online banking, technology and internet safety. This will help them to recognise potential threats and take necessary precautions to protect themselves from online bank fraud.

It is important to remember that the best defense against online bank fraud is to be vigilant and educated.

By following these steps, senior citizens can protect themselves from online bank fraud and enjoy the convenience and benefits of online banking.

[The author is a Startup mentor and a TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs) Charter Member]

Household items gutted in fire caused by EV battery explosion

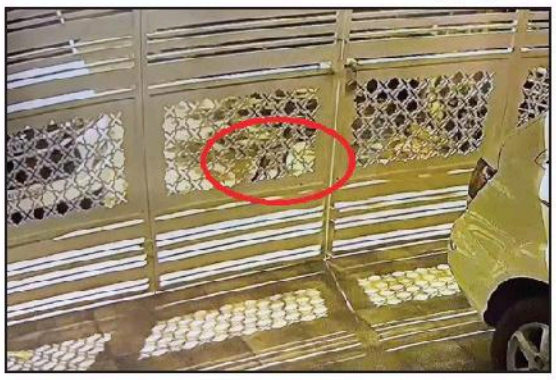
Mandya, Mar. 15- Household articles including home appliances such as television, refrigerator, etc., furniture and food items were gutted in the fire caused by the explosion of electric scooter battery at a house in Valagerahalli village in Nagamangala taluk of Mandya district on Sunday night. Luckily, no one was injured in the incident.

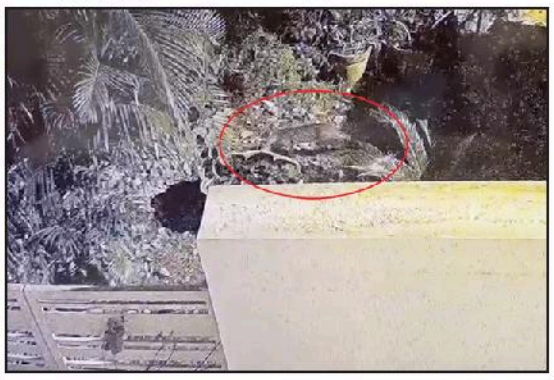
The incident took place at the house of one Muthuraju and about Rs. 5 lakh items has been destroyed.

It is learnt that Muthuraju had bought the electric scooter about seven months back. He had kept the battery for charging on Sunday night when it exploded. He told the Police that as soon as the battery exploded, all the family members rushed out of the house.

A case has been registered at Maddur Police Station.

Leopard enters residential area in city; triggers panic





Big cat sniffing around a house compound at Vijayanagar Fourth Stage caught on camera

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (BCT)- After a video of lions roaming on Gujarat streets went viral, a similar footage from Mysuru is doing the rounds on social media which shows a leopard sniffing around a compound of a house in Vijayanagar 4th Stage in the wee hours of Tuesday (Mar. 14).

The scary video, a CCTV footage from the house of Kodandera Harish Machia, opens on the leopard moving in front of the house gate and entering the garden in front of the compound. Minutes later, the big cat can be seen exiting the area.

The footage of the leopard was caught between 1.14 am and 1.19 am and the house is located at Vijayanagar 4th Stage Main Road (80 ft Road), right opposite the Post Office. The next building to Machia's house is the Office of the Drug Controller which is 200 metres away and there are no houses between Machia's house and the Drug Controller's Office.

"The Main Road is sparsely populated and there are many vacant sites with parthenium growth. At 1.14 am, you can clearly see the leopard coming in front of our gate. We park two cars outside and one inside. So along one of the cars, the leopard walks in stealthily. We have got a side gate there and the CCTV footage shows the feline sniffing around," Harish Machia told *SOM*.

"The next part of the video, one can see the leopard walking towards the compound wall in front of the main gate. At 1.19 am, it just slithers away. And that part is not captured by the CCTV camera. We have two CCTV cameras that could capture the visuals and the timings," he added.

Harish said that they heard no sound as they were fast asleep. "We never knew this would happen. My wife is currently in the US and when I caught up with her at 5.30 am yesterday, she told me that she saw an animal walking into the compound and was sure that it was not a dog. She spotted the animal when she was tracking the CCTV footage on her mobile phone. She asked me to check and I woke up my son and he played the recordings. It was clear footage," Harish said.

The landmark near Harish's house is Marimallappa's College. "On the left of Marimallapa's College is a road and my house is located precisely 500 metres from Marimallappa's College Junction. The parallel road behind the Main Road is another main road that leads to National Public School," he said.

Other sightings

On Feb. 25, a leopard was spotted at Amulyanagar in Vijayanagar 4th Stage. The locals had alerted the Forest Department and a cage was placed. Also, probably the same big cat was spotted at KBL Enclave a fortnight ago.

"A month back, about 50 mts. from where we live, a stray dog that was loved by most people went missing suddenly. It lived in front of the house of a doctor couple and the couple had come to my home as we had CCTV cameras. But the visuals were not captured as the area was quite far," Harish said.

The doctor couple then consulted a naturalist who spotted pug marks, alerted the neighbourhood about the leopard's presence. Even blood stains were found on the footpath when the stray dog was dragged along.

Leopard movements have been caught on many CCTV cameras in the locality and they are seen in their backyard and sometimes moving around the compound walls. Residents of the area are afraid to come out during the night time and most of them avoid coming out after 7 pm.

Two persons go missing

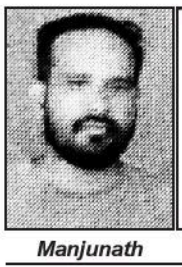
Mysuru, Mar. 15 (KS)- In separate cases, two persons have gone missing from Kadakola village and Beerihundi respectively.

In the first case, a 29-year-old youth has gone missing from Kadakola village since Mar. 6.

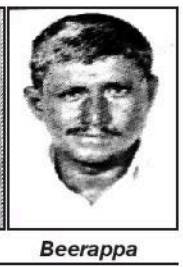
The missing youth is Manjunath Bandi of the village. He is wheatish complexioned, has 'O-ONE' tattooed on his right hand, 'SHIVANI' on the left side of his chest, speaks Kannada, Hindi, Telugu and Tamil and was wearing a jeans pant and T-Shirt at the time of going missing.

In the second case, a 46-year-old man has gone missing from Beerihundi since Mar. 5.

The missing man is Beerappa.



Manjunath



Beerappa

He is 6 ft. tall, well built, oily red complexioned, bent left hand and was wearing a brown coloured full arm shirt and blue and yellow coloured lungi at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing persons may contact Mysuru South Police on Ph: 0821-2444955 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

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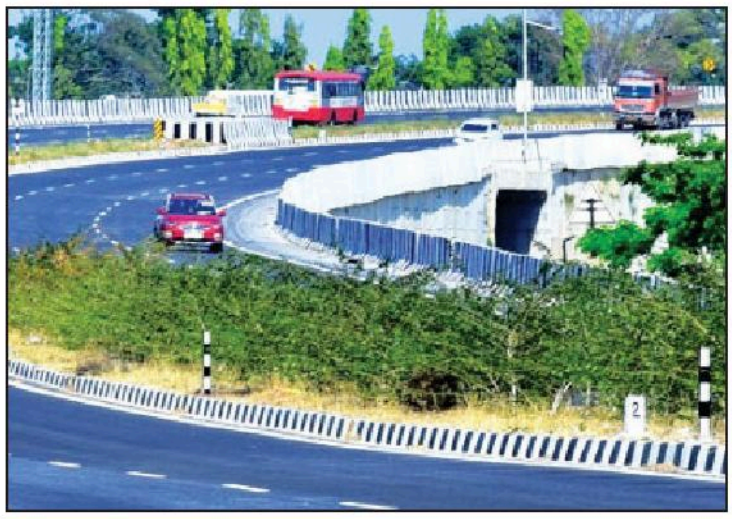
Pay more for KSRTC bus travel between Bengaluru and Mysuru

Revised fares: Rs. 165 in Sarige buses, Rs. 198 in Rajahamsa, Rs. 330 in multi-axle, Volvos, EV



Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SBD&BCT)- The toll being collected on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway has impacted the fares in the buses run by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) as the Corporation has decided to pass on the user fee for the Expressway to passengers.

KSRTC hiked the ticket prices for all buses soon after the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) started collecting toll for buses operating through the first phase of the newly inaugurated Expressway between Bengaluru and Nidaghatta at Kanaminike Toll Plaza. The hike is applicable to all buses including Electric Vehicles (EV) and Volvo buses.

"With a view to offset the cost, KSRTC is constrained to levy a user fee of Rs. 15 per passenger travelling in Karnataka Sarige buses, Rs. 18 in Rajahamsa buses and Rs. 20 in other buses/ multi-axle buses including Volvos and EVs. This user fee is applicable only for the passengers travelling in the buses operated exclusively on the Expressway. The fares will not be increased on the buses that ply on the service roads," KSRTC Chief Traffic Manager said in a statement.

At present, the KSRTC operates non-stop bus services between Mysuru and Bengaluru and the fare in the Karnataka Sarige buses is Rs. 150, Rs. 180 in Rajahamsa and Rs. 310 in Volvo. Every day, there are 500 trips and of them, 140 buses cover the distance on the Expressway. The revised fares will be Rs.165 in Karnataka Sarige buses, Rs. 198 in Rajahamsa buses and Rs. 330 in other buses/multi-axle buses including Volvos and EV.

KSRTC Managing Director Anbu Kumar said, "This hike has only been done to recover toll charges. Paying tolls is not a problem for us as we regularly do it everywhere, considering we even have inter-State services. But since this one is slightly higher; it will also be reflected in the ticket prices." According to reports, private bus operators are also planning for a similar hike.

The Expressway was inaugurated by PM Modi on Mar. 12 and NHAI has started to collect the toll from Mar. 14. However, a section of the population condemned the revision by stating that the sum was 'exorbitant'.

MLC Vishwanath to protest against 'exorbitant' toll on Mar. 17

BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath addressing a press meet in Mysuru as former Corporator R. Somasundar looks on.

Mysuru, Mar. 15(MTY&BCT)- Former Minister and BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath has come down heavily on what he called 'exorbitant' toll levied on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway and said that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) was levying the toll even before the completion of the project.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan, Vishwanath questioned the tearing hurry for NHAI to collect the toll even before the work is fully completed. He said that the collection of the toll was against the NHAI guidelines.

"I am not against a reasonable toll and it must not exceed Re. 1 for every kilometre for a car or other four-wheelers. At the present rates, the toll for travelling between the two cities will be Rs. 300 for one-way and Rs. 600 for a two-way four-wheeler journey. This is unreasonable," he explained.

If the toll is fixed at Rs. 1 per km, it will be only Rs. 118 for the journey, he said and added that he would stage a peaceful protest against the toll on Mar. 17 at Manipal Hospital Junction.

"Going by the present toll rates, NHAI, through a private agency, has aimed to collect Rs. 18,000 crore in 10 years while the actual project cost is Rs. 12,000 crore once all the works are complete. If this is not loot of public money, then what is," Vishwanath asked.

Congress SC delegation meets AICC Chief

A delegation of Congress leaders from Karnataka, belonging to Scheduled Caste (Left) and led by former Minister H. Anjaneya and Rajya Sabha MP Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah, called on AICC President M. Mallikarjuna Kharge at his official residence, No. 10, Rajaji Marg in New Delhi, on March 14 and appealed him to increase the Congress party tickets to SC (Left) candidates in the forthcoming State Assembly elections. Former Minister R.B. Thimmapura, former Chitradurga MP B.N. Chandrappa, leaders Dr. B. Thippeswamy, L. Krishna Murthy, Kariyappa and Satish were in the delegation. [Pic. by M.M. Joshi]

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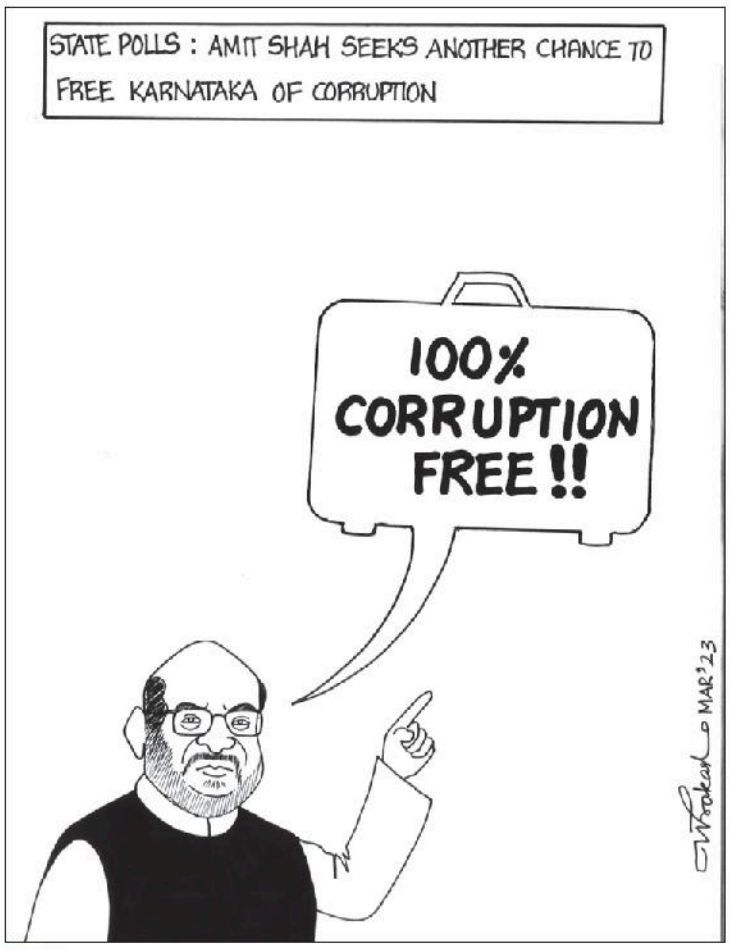

World Consumers Day today

'Submit written complaints within two years to claim damages'

Dr. D. Anand, Chairman, B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences (BIMS), addressing the gathering at World Consumers Day celebrations held at BIMS Seminar Hall in city this morning as Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) Working President Shobhana, Mysore District Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission President Naveena Kumari and MGP EC Member Dr. Sekhar S. Iyer look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&SSM)- "Customers must make the best use of the Consumer Act to claim their rights by way of damages and mental agony experienced. One must submit a complaint within two years of the damage," said Naveena Kumari, President, Mysore District Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission.

She was speaking as the main speaker at the World Consumers Day celebrations organised jointly by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences (BIMS) at the BIMS Seminar Hall in Manasagangothri campus here this morning.

"Customers can now claim their damages by submitting a simple written complaint to the District Consumer Redressal Commission or to the Consumer Courts. There are chances of customers being cheated by the businessmen as the technology has improved. One must be clever enough to be aware of COPRA (Consumer Protection Act) and Consumer Right Act," she added.

"Damages can be claimed easily and free of cost if the record proof of the damage is clearly evident. In order to make sure there is no fault from the consumer side, one must never provide any false information while purchasing any item or getting any insurance (crop, life, vehicle, accident etc.)," she said.

Dr. D. Anand, Chairman, BIMS, in his address, said that customers are God and King-makers. There is no businessman without customers. "It is important to talk about one's rights as there are diverse methods to resolve the problems. It is also important to create awareness among the peer group," he added.

Shobhana, Working President, MGP, Dr. Sekhar S. Iyer, MGP's EC Member, MBA students and others were present at the programme.

Status report on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

Not substandard works, NHAI clarifies on photo

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&BCT)- On the image that is being circulated widely on social media that a portion of the Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-lane Expressway has been damaged due to substandard works, the Expressway Project Director B.T. Sridhar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that works are on to rectify the protruding iron rod.

"This is routine maintenance work and we had closed a portion of Expressway as the iron rod laid across the road protruded. This would have caused damage to vehicles and we have taken up immediate works. We are exercising utmost caution and every bit of the road is being constantly monitored and rectified in case of problems," he added.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha too has tweeted a photo this morning and has appealed to the public and the media not to circulate incorrect information. "The road has not given way. But there is a minor lapse and that is being rectified," he added.

Vehicles avoid paying toll

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"After coming from Kumbalagodu flyover, commuters are taking a left turn just before the Kaniminike Toll Plaza. They are entering the service road to avoid paying the toll fee. After using the service road for some distance, the motorists are returning to the main carriageway and this has been the trend since today morning," Project Director Sridhar said.

The NHAI had laid barricades on the service road as there is an issue with the land acquisition for about 100 metres. "Someone removed the barricades early this morning, giving access from the main carriageway to the service road and almost all vehicles are taking this road to avoid paying the toll. This particular stretch of the service road could not be completed following a stay order from the Court," he said.

"The Court stay has been vacated now and we will complete the work shortly. Before that the unauthorised opening in the road will be closed in a day or two as it is against the law of the land," Sridhar added.

While only 10 percent of the vehicles are racing the Toll Plaza, all the other vehicles are moving on the unauthorised stretch. "This is causing a revenue loss and the toll collecting agency has to pay Rs. 65 lakh per day to the NHAI. As there is no collection, the contractor is in a soup and has asked the NHAI for exemptions," he said and urged the motorists to pay toll as per guidelines since the Expressway is benefiting them.

Obituary

Krishnam Raju

Mysuru, Mar. 15 - Krishnam Raju (Babu), proprietor of Bhudevi Farm and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away this morning in city. He was 64.

He leaves behind his wife K.V. Nagamani, son Karthik, daughter Samyukta and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

M.S. Sathyanarayana Rao

M.S. Sathyanarayana Rao (77), retired Head of the Department of Commercial Practice at CPC Polytechnic and a resident of Gayathripuram 2nd Stage, near St. Antony's Church, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning.

He leaves behind his wife Suma, son M.S. Deepak, Auditor and Tax Practitioner, daughter-in-law Ashwini, granddaughter Srujani, grandson Suhruth and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

T. Nagaraj

T. Nagaraj (78), who was residing at Janata Nagar in city, passed away yesterday morning.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds yesterday evening, according to family sources.

Static Surveillance Teams

DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra seen addressing as MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, SP Seema Latkar, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri and others look on.

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Addressing the officers at the Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri, DC Dr. Rajendra said that without understanding the procedures, familiarising the route maps, and area-specific geographies, officers cannot respond immediately to any situation. "Familiarisation will empower the officers to implement the Election Model Code of Conduct soon after the poll dates are announced. There must be no lapse and action will be taken against erring officers," he said.

Flying Squads will be constituted under each Police Station to assist the Election Commission in implementing the Model Code of Conduct. These Squads will remain functional till the completion of polls. The Flying Squads are headed by officials with executive magisterial power and comprise Police officials and videographers for recording all their activities on a daily basis.

"The Squads will be entrusted with the responsibility to attend to all complaints of threat, intimidation, movement of anti-social elements, liquor, arms and ammunition and large sum of cash for the purpose of bribing of electors. The Squads will be assigned the task of videography of all major rallies, public meetings and other major expenses made by political parties. Every incident must be reported to the Election Commission immediately through the platforms and portals designed for the purpose," he added.

Effective use of technology

"Whenever a complaint regarding distribution of cash and liquor is received, the Flying Squad has to reach the spot immediately and take necessary actions. And for this, familiarity of the area and procedures are necessary. Each team has to submit a report in respect of seizures made on a daily basis to the Returning Officer," he said.

Asking officers not to avail unnecessary leaves during election, the DC asked them to be prepared for long haul in the interest of democracy.

"Coordination between various departments and day-to-day reporting mechanisms are crucial and immediate response is the need of the hour. Use technology appropriately to implement the code of conduct as technology is available for every task and it ensures accuracy," the DC said.

AFFIDAVIT

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21,000 km on a 33-year-old Yezdi

By B.C. Thimmaiah

Going on group journeys on motorbikes to explore unexplored places is commonplace but a solo ride along India's borders, covering 21,000 kilometres without touching any metro city, that too on a 33-year-old bike, is commendable.

The feat has been accomplished by a 44-year-old Mysuru-born rider **Sandeep N. Ananthaprakash,** presently a resident of Bengaluru.

He used the Yezdi Roadking Classic bike KA-09-E-2189, 1990 model manufactured by Ideal Jawa (India) Ltd., which had a major production unit at Yadavagiri in Mysuru. Sandeep is the first person to achieve this gruelling tough road challenge along India's borders on a Yezdi.

Calling his roading 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' ride marking the 75th year of Independence in 2022, Sandeep set out from his home on Sept. 27, 2022, and reached the Kerala border of Kannur on Sept. 28 and ended his journey at Kannur on Nov. 24 — 58 days, covering 21,000 kilometres. His additional message of the journey was 'Save Vintage and Classic Vehicles.'

Unmatched level of endurance

"At a time when there is a rule to scrap vehicles that are more than 15 years old, I wanted to demonstrate the fact that no matter how old these motorcycles manufactured in India (Mysuru, my hometown) are, they are still tough and rugged mean machines that can take on any challenge and have an unmatched level of endurance.

Sandeep is a veteran biker and has been doing road trips for over 22 years. "I had a passion for travel since childhood and my first rides were on a bicycle from my home in Vidyaranyapuram to Chamundi Hill and Karighatta Hill in Srirangapatna. I always connected with nature. Ideal Jawa is my dream bike and I own four of them in sparkling showroom condition," he says proudly.

So, what made him choose a border journey? It is just for adventure thrill and doing the feat no one has achieved so far. "After a bike trip to Leh-Ladakh, I wanted to explore places like Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and the Rann of Kutch. So I decided on a border journey and I was determined from the beginning that I will not touch any metro city," Sandeep reveals.

Second-hand bike

Sandeep purchased the bike from a Bank Manager 15 years back and has not done any alterations. "I have maintained the vehicle in showroom condition and only the front suspension has been changed for this particular long ride. When I started making the routing, Google maps showed me 23,000 kilometres with an extra 2,000 to 3,000 kilometres. That would cost me Rs. 3.5 lakh. I reached out to many Biking Clubs in Mysuru, Bengaluru, Ooty and Tamil Nadu but help did not come from any quarter," he says.

"I had to sell another Yezdi bike where I managed to raise Rs. 1.5 lakh and the rest came from my personal funds, and support from friends and family. Motul India sponsored the oil and lubricants for my entire journey and I am indebted," he says with a smile.

Extreme weather conditions

Giving a peek into his journey, Sandeep said that he has seen extreme weather from temperate, medium hot to extremely hot and biting cold. "While the temperature at the borders of the South is at least bearable, the weather at the borders of Gujarat (Rann of Kutch), Punjab, Wagah border with Pakistan, and Longewala is extreme and hovers above 41 degrees Celsius sweltering heat. I hit Leh after Punjab which was minus 11 degrees Celsius and snowed heavily. Due to snowfall, I could not go to Nubra Valley and returned to Srinagar and came to Pathankot and entered Bareilly in UP," he exclaims.

From UP, he moved to Sikkim and covered West Sikkim and North Sikkim as there is China border on both sides. "I entered Arunachal Pradesh and again hit the China border Bum La Pass and reached Zero Point (China border). I later entered West Bengal and one night, the carrier of my bike was cut on the highway. It was dark and I had a contact in Kolkata. He connected me to the Biker Club in a nearby town. I was asked to come to 17 kms and somehow, I reached where they fixed the carrier and welded the metal," he discloses.

Strong biker community in N-E

The biker community in North-East is aggressive. "Our Biking Clubs can in no way match their united spirit. Notably, all are very helpful and kind-hearted. From West Bengal, I entered Assam and reached the West Bengal border and reached Nagaland where I got the contact of a Royal Enfield Bullet Club. They waited for me on the road in the middle of the night, booked a hotel room and brought food from their homes," he reveals.

"They drew another route with all the guiding points as most of the areas in the Seven Sisters States are under the control of the Indian Army. And some of the areas had impenetrable and dangerous jungles. They contacted other Bike Clubs to give me new routing. As a result, my border travel was reduced by 1,000 kilometres," Sandeep says.

Harsh ride for six days

The entire North-East is seeing unprecedented development and he had to face a tough time riding for over six days as he had to travel in dry areas where rocks were being cut. "My bike had to bear a lot of pressure and I had carried some spare parts that weighed over 250 kgs. Usually, I prefer touring in peak monsoon as I love nature and nature will be at its best in monsoon. I avoid dry off-roading. Here, I used all my skills learnt over the years to navigate the hostile road," he says.

Sandeep later entered the Odisha Highway and the right-side shock absorber got cut and Odisha (Bhubaneswar) was 260 kms from that place. I reached Kharagpur and got a contact of another mechanic at Bhubaneswar and somehow managed to travel 260 kilometres and it was a Highway. The mechanic was a 70-year-old person and he felt very happy to see me, my bike and my adventure. He changed both the shock absorbers as the left side shock absorber too was on the verge of getting cut," he reveals.

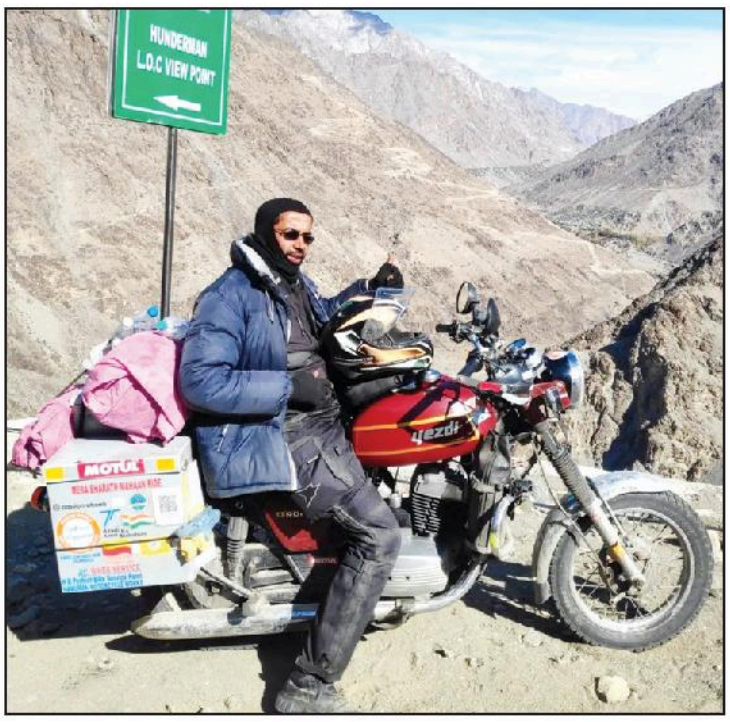
Overnight journey of 1,064 kms

Next Sandeep crossed Andhra Pradesh and reached Chennai in an overnight journey and covered 1,064 kilometres. "When sleep pulled me, I stopped on the Highway for tea and continued. I reached Mahabalipuram and rested for 2 days and came to Danushkodi, Rameswaram and covered Kanyakumari," he says.

He entered Kochi and reached Kannur on Nov. 24, ending his 58-day solo bike ride. He then entered Kodagu and reached Bengaluru via Mysuru. On his food and accommodation arrangements, Sandeep says that the west coast was not pleasing in terms of food and it was expensive. "I used to avoid oily and non-vegetarian food. Water in the North-East was the best as it came from mineral-rich natural springs by the side of the roads," he reveals.

"I preferred hot and fresh-cooked food with locally grown vegetables. I stayed at budget hotels where there is space for bike parking. On many highways, I stayed at dhabas in the rope beds and I also carried a sleeping bag. I stayed outside dhabas at places in Rajasthan, Jammu, Nagaland, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh," he says.

Sandeep has been an aggressive roadie for 22 years. "I prefer monsoon biking. It is an exhilarating experience with a lush green forest and with cloud movement. It is like indulging with the nature — risky but worth the effort," he says.



Sandeep N. Ananthaprakash

Fuel mixing only possible in Yezdi

At Rann of Kutch, Sandeep had fuel to last 250 kms and he missed a road to travel 45 kms extra. "I had to go back and I had wasted 90 kms of fuel while entering Punjab. I had another 38 kms to reach the nearest petrol station. It was just one straight road and salt lakes on both sides — neither a soul nor a shop. I did not have fuel for 18 kms. Fortunately, I met a Sardarji truck driver and requested for diesel," Sandeep recounts.

"The Sardarji gladly gave me half a litre and I mixed the fuel. When I reached the nearest fuel station, I just had 100 grams of fuel. Only a Yezdi Roadking can take mixed fuel. If it was any other four-stroke vehicle, I would have suffered in a deserted Highway," he says.

Looking back, Sandeep says that his pride in his Yezdi has increased manifold. "I am ready to travel even one lakh kilometres now and I am sure that my bike will withstand this," he says.

Sandeep lives in Bengaluru with his wife Hamsa Bhargavi, who works for Biocon. They have a daughter Keerthana, a sixth standard student.

CM presents 'Mysooru Digantha' Awards

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai presented 'Mysooru Digantha' awards given by Karnataka Media Academy for the best human interest story for five journalists at a programme held at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru on Monday — (sitting from left) 'Udayavani' Bagalkot reporter Chandrashekar More (2019), 'Prajavani' Mangaluru reporter Pradeesh H. Marody (2020), 'Vijaya Karnataka' Ramanagar reporter T.N. Padmanabh (2021), 'Vijayavani' Hunsur reporter Shivakumar V. Rao (2022) and 'Vijayavani' Shivamogga reporter Deepak Sagar (2022). Revenue Minister R. Ashoka, Academy Chairman K. Sadashiva Shenoy, Academy General Secretary Lokesh, Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) President Shivananda Tagadur, 'Mysooru Digantha' Executive Editor Ghanavantha Malali and others were present. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a citation. Picture right shows the Chief Minister greeting Ghanavantha Malali with a bouquet.

'Cinerama 2023' National Short Film Festival concludes

Actor Daali Dhananjaya presents award to winners

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SSM)- A two-day National-level Short Film Festival "Cinerama - 2023" was organised by the Department of Visual Communication, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, recently.

Renowned Actor, lyricist and producer Daali Dhananjaya, who was the chief guest at the valedictory of the event, presented the awards to the winners of various competitions.

Speaking on the occasion Daali Dhananjaya said that the realm of cinema offers a plethora of possibilities. Success is contingent upon both one's aptitude and diligence. Aspiring individuals should capitalise on the diverse opportunities presented to them within the film industry.

"Dwelling on the notion of needing a certain disposition will result in missing out on valuable chances. It is crucial to seize every opportunity to showcase our capabilities and perform to the best of our abilities," he said and added that his career is an illustration and each role he has portrayed has laid a strong foundation for his current success.

The actor imparted guidance to aspiring individuals interested in film production, emphasising how technological advancements greatly benefit present-day students. Dhananjaya highlighted how mobile phones have widened the scope and can serve as a sturdy foundation for producing major films.

Top 7 short films were screened during the Fest. The Fest had an overwhelming response with as many as 50 entries from various States of over 40 institutions and Universities took part in the Fest. The winners were awarded certificates, mementos and cash prize.

Vaishali Hanumath and Hanumanth, Proprietors of DRC Cinemas, were the guests of honour. award-winning lens-based artist, musician and actor K.J. Pavan, who was also a jury member, and the sponsors of the Fest were felicitated on the occasion.

The technical session on 'Why Film Criticism Matters in the Age of Streaming' by Film Journalist and critic from Film Companion, Mumbai, Suchin Mehrotra and 'Film Marketing and Promotions' by Stories Social Founder Dr. Sangeetha Janachandran was also organised during the fest.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Principal Dr. G. Ravindranath presided. Vidyapeetham Director Dr. Anantaananda Chaitanya, Department of Visual Communication Chairperson Dr. Moulya Baladi and others were present on the occasion. National Award-Winning Film Director Dr. Nagathihalli Chandrashekar had inaugurated the Film Festival on the previous day with veteran actor and theatre director Mandya Ramesh as the chief guest.

AWARD WINNERS

Best Short Film: Sanjai Chandrasekaran's *Canvas* (Tamil) - first prize (Rs. 10,000 cash prize); Pranav Krishnan's *Across* (Malayalam) - second prize (Rs. 7,000); Sampath Kumar Rai's *Ilibonu* (Kannada) - third prize (Rs. 5,000).

Best Editor: Sriram Ramaswamy for *Canvas* (Tamil).

Best Director: Sanjai Chandrasekaran for *Canvas* (Tamil).

Best Cinematographer: Karthik Sippy for Canvas (Tamil).

Best Actor: Adarsh Krishnadas for *Across* (Malayalam).

Best Actress: Sneha Reji for *Cheryl* (Malayalam).

Best Mobile Short Film: Rithik Nair's *Two Coconuts* - first (Rs. 5,000); Adithya Yaligar's *Heal Within* - second (Rs. 3,000).

Separate category of Amrita Awards was given to the students of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Mysuru Campus to encourage and keep the spirit of film-making.

Prize-winners of 'Chamundi Challenge' Cycling Contest

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Chamundi Challenge-2023, the 8th year of this cycling competition was organised jointly by Mysuru Cycling Club and Cyclopedia in city recently.

The event, which attracted over 100-plus riders from Mysuru city and neighbouring cities, was flagged off by Nima Manjrekar, a wildlife biologist based in Mysuru, who spent several years in the Himalayas.

RESULTS

U-14 Boys: 1. S. Akhilan (19:20.5); **2.** H.N. Shourya (25:06.5); **3.** Diganth (26:23.6); **U-14 Girls: 1.** G.R. Ahana Kiran (26:59.1), **2.** Pragathi Divakar (46:40.1).

U-16 Boys: 1. Tanish V. Naidu (17:36.8); **2.** Ashish Poupu Poumai (18:02.9); **3.** G. Mithun Prasad (20:19.5).

U-18 Boys: 1. S.T. Dhananjay (13:55.5);

2. Samarpan Jain (15:12.0); **3.** C. Ruchir (16:21.5).

Amateur Men: 1. Deepak Pathange (18:12.7); **2.** Dakshin P. Gowda (19:12.9); **3.** Kiran Kumar (19:40.8).

Master Men (38+ Years): 1. Manjunatha (18:29.9); **2.** G.S. Sunil Kumar (18:40.7); **3.** Bhanukumara (18:50.4).

Master Women (38+ Years): 1. Vathsala (28:40.6)

Grand-Masters Men (45+ Years): 1. Ankur Ghosh (19:26.9); **2.** Thejaswi (21:56.9); **3.** Brian Farncis (22:00.1).

Grand-Masters Women (45+ Years): 1. Veena Ashok (27:02.5); **2.** Soujanya (36:12.0); **3.** Meenakshi (45:58.1).

Veteran Men (55+ Years): 1. Joseph Pereira (18:55.6); **2.** Ramesh Narasaiah (20:33.1); **3.** Nagendra Rao (23:02.9)

Women: 1. H.N. Naga Siri (20:32.4); **2.** Swati Gaur (21:29.8); **3.** Akshata (24:27.9).

Elite Men (Natl. Medallist Category): 1. K.V. Vyshakh (13:02.2); **2.** G. Somesh (13:15.4); **3.** H.R. Lakshmish (13:25.0).

Mysuru District Cycling Association Secretary N. Lokesh (Eklavya awardee & international Cyclist), Senior Cyclist Suhuruth Jamadagni, Cycling Coach Fariyal, Committee Members Suman, Athera, Sheetal, Shoaib Prateek Patil, Suraj and Prajwal were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Hiatus

Pronunciation: hye-AY-tus.
Meaning: In general contexts, hiatus usually refers to a period of time when something, such as an activity or program, is suspended. In biology, hiatus refers to a gap or passage in an anatomical part or organ, and in linguistics, it denotes the occurrence of two vowel sounds without pause or intervening consonantal sound.
Origin: This brief hiatus in your day is brought to you by, well, hiatus. While the word now most often refers to a temporary pause, hiatus originally referred to a physical opening in something, such as the mouth of a cave, or, as the 18th century British novelist Laurence Sterne would have it, a sartorial gap: in the wildly experimental novel Tristram Shandy, Sterne wrote of "the hiatus in Phutatorius's breeches." Hiatus comes from the Latin verb hiare, meaning "to open wide," which makes it a distant relation of both yawn and chasm. And that's all we have for now — you may resume your regular activities.
Example: "With the release of The Mandalorian season 3 just over six weeks away, after a two-year hiatus, Lucasfilm dropped a new trailer on Monday, giving us a glimpse of what's next in the adventures of Din Djarin and Grogu." —Oli Welsh

THE ODD WORD

Habergeon

Sleeveless mail coat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Haste makes waste

Meaning: You use the expression 'Haste makes waste' to indicate that rushing can lead to costly mistakes.
Origin: The idea that haste is counterproductive originated in antiquity and is first seen in print in the apocryphal Book of Wisdom, c. 190 BCE: "There is one that toilet and laboureth, and maketh haste, and is so much the more behind."
Example: "I'm always careful with my work. After all, haste makes waste."

QUOTE BOX

Don't waste your love on somebody, who doesn't value it.

—William Shakespeare

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

CULEAP

Answer: Look before you leap.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Kipling book
4 Table scrap
7 Hairstyle
11 Lyricist Gershwin
12 __ culpa : an admission of guilt
13 Sudden attack
14 Announced
17 Faction
18 One half of the Earth
20 One of hundredth of a rupee
22 English batsman ___ Morgan
23 Absolute, in short
24 Peruvian quadruped
27 Persuades to evil
31 Ajanta and ___
33 Jewish scriptures
34 Indian Administrative Service, in short
35 Sleeveless garments worn by Arabs
37 Church passageway
39 Hand-written document
42 Political alliance
43 A major transverse part of the body of a church
46 One in Oldenburg
47 __ out of : exhaust?
48 And not either ?
49 __ down : busy / preoccupied?
50 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
51 Star Wars, initially

DOWN

1 Tease, josh or rib
2 Wrath
3 Exaggerated masculinity
4 King of Israel (BC 877-876)
5 Ms Witherspoon of Hollywood
6 It'll grow to be a frog
7 Munitions store
8 Equitable
9 Go on a bicycle
10 A kind of poem
15 French article
16 American medical association, in short
19 A very small mountain
20 Butter slab?
21 Help a felon
25 Dampens
26 Russian sea
28 Strutted
29 Cheeni Kum star
30 Lal Bahadur ___ : our ex-Prime Minister?
32 Airline-Selected Equip.
36 Scour
37 Own, for the Scottish people
38 Indian Police Service, acronym
39 Roman 1052
40 Top-notch (1,3)
41 Rajput king ___ Pratap
42 Stake or risk
44 Seed vessel
45 Three as a prefix

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	S	I	C	■	F	I	D	O	■	A	P	P
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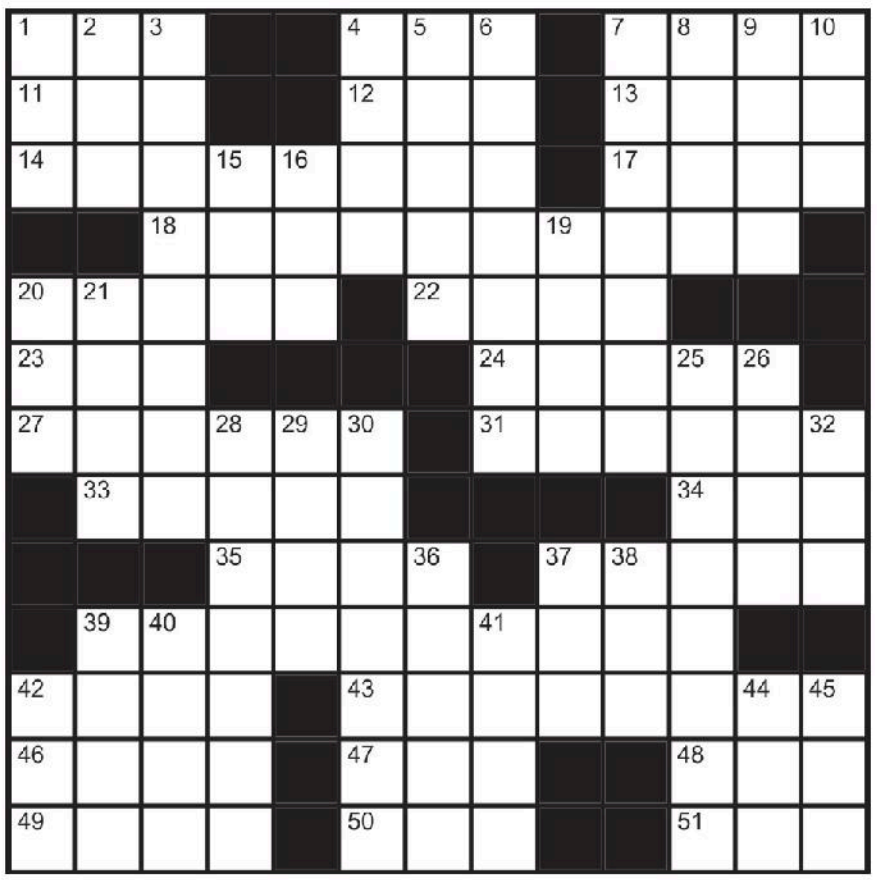

SUDOKU

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	3						2	
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3								9
				4			6	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	7	5	6	8	1	9	3
3	5	9	2	4	1	8	6	7
6	1	8	9	7	3	2	5	4
8	3	6	4	5	9	7	2	1
2	9	4	1	3	7	6	8	5
5	7	1	6	8	2	4	3	9
9	4	3	8	1	6	5	7	2
1	8	2	7	9	5	3	4	6
7	6	5	3	2	4	9	1	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MFZY AG HRYX CFB JYYW GFJYFXY HRF WYMMG

CFB GFJYWRAXV XYH KDFBW CFBQGYMS.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS L

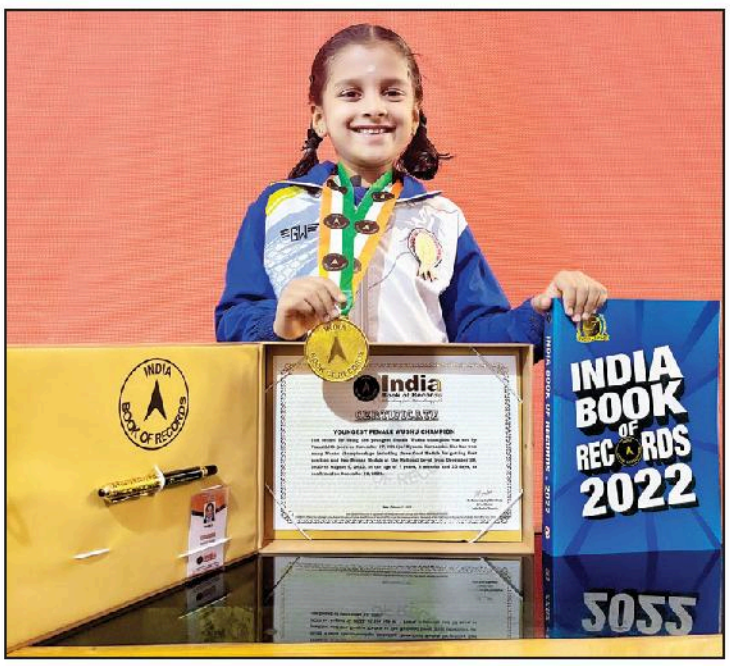
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things.

City girl enters India Book of Records as 'Youngest Female Wushu Champion'

Mysuru, Mar. 15- G. Pranathi, a second standard student of Police Public School, Mysuru, has entered India Book of Records for being the 'Youngest Female Wushu Champion.'

Born on Nov. 17, 2014, Pranathi has won many Wushu Championships including three gold medals for getting first position and two bronze medals at the National-level from Dec. 28, 2020 to Aug. 9, 2022, at the age of 7 years, 8 months and 23 days as confirmed on Dec. 12, 2022.

Pranathi is the daughter of photographer S.D. Giridhar and L. Sangeetha, residents of Gayathripuram.



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- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
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- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Kantara (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Ondu Rabari Kathe (K) - 2 Shows; *Kaasina Sara (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Agilan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Love Birds (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Waltair Veerayya (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Kranti (K) - 4 Shows
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  Gowli (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Pathaan (H) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — Ph: 2520009
  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

65 (E)	(S-1)	11.50 am, 7.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Agilan - King of The Ocean (Ta)	(S-1)	1.55 pm, 4.40 pm
Scream VI (E)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 7.10 pm
Chowkabara (K)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
Kondraal Paavam (Ta)	(S-2)	4.40 pm
Thuramukham (Ma)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 9.45 pm
Mandala - The UFO Incident (K)	(S-3)	2.05 pm
Taxi (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
CSI Sanatan (Te)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	:	1.00 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Love Birds (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm
Chowkabara (K)	:	4.00 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	:	8.30 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am
		12 noon, 1.00 pm, 2.30 pm
		3.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 6.00 pm
		7 pm, 8 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Creed III (E)	:	11.35 am
65 (E)	:	12.30 pm, 5.30 pm, 10:30 pm
Agilan (Ta)	:	1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Mandala: The UFO Incident (K)	:	2.15 pm
Scream VI (E)	:	2.45 pm, 7.45 pm
Ondu Rabari Kathe (K)	:	4.50 pm
Chowkabara (K)	:	7.50 pm
Thuramukham (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	:	8.30 am, 11.15 am, 12 noon
		2.45 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.15 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Agilan (Ta)	:	11.20 am, 4.35 pm, 9.50 pm
65 (E)	:	2.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Mary (K)	:	2.20 pm
Kondraal Paavam (Ta)	:	4.25 pm
Mandala: The UFO Incident (K)	:	6.55 pm
CSI Sanatan (Te)	:	9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 15)

- **Jivan Jyot Welfare Federation, Vadodara (Gujarat):** Craft Bazaar, an exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Music Concert:** Mridanga Vidwan V. Nagabhushanachar Memorial Music Programme and felicitation to senior music scholars; Vocal concert by Vid. Rajagopal Bhagavat accompanied by Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy (violin), Vid. V.S. Ramesh (morching), Vid. M.S. Jayaram (ghata) and Vid. M.R. Udaykumar (mridanga)., Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 16)

- **Jivan Jyot Welfare Federation, Vadodara (Gujarat):** Craft Bazaar, an exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Adhyatma Ramayana,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission:** Krishna Rao Prakash delivers discourse on 'Patanjali Yoga Sootragalu,' Yajnashale, Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob. : 7829999465

Pathaan (H)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Love Birds (K)	(S-4)	5.25 pm
Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 2.40 pm
		6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.00 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 am
Agilan: King of The Indian Ocean (Ta)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 7.20 pm
Thuramukham (Ma)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
65 (E)	(S-4)	12.35 pm, 8.10 pm
Scream VI (E)	(S-4)	2.45 pm, 10.20 pm
C.S.I. Sanatan (Te)	(S-3)	4.35 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 8.45 pm
	(S-3)	11.30 am, 2.55 pm
		6.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (Hindi atmos)	(S-2)	12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Agilan: King of The Indian Ocean (Ta)	(S-1)	2.05 pm; (S-4) 10.20 pm
Thuramukham (Ma)	(S-1)	5.05 pm
65 (E)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 3.35 pm
Ondu Rabari Kathe (K)	(S-4)	12.40 pm
Mary (K)	(S-4)	5.45 pm
Mandala (K)	(S-4)	7.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 15)

UP Warriorz Vs
Royal Challengers Bangalore
— 7.30 pm
Venue: Dr. D.Y. Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 16)

Delhi Capitals Vs
Gujarat Giants
— 7.30 pm
Venue: Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai

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- Maintain accurate records of sales and customer interactions
- Collaborate with team members to develop sales strategies and achieve goals

Qualifications:
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- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
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SHRADDHANJALI

VIMAL KUMAR BAFNA
(Age: 43 Years)
S/o. Late Amrit Lalji Bafna
Attained heavenly abode on 12.03.2023

A Rare gem left us so soon.
Your presence we miss, your memories
we treasure and in our hearts you live forever.

- In Grief: Bhawari Devi Bafna (Mother)
Manakchandji Bafna Susheela Bai Bafna (Uncle and Aunty)
Suman Bafna (Wife)
Shaurya Bafna (Son)
Arun Bafna (Brother) Uma Bafna (Sister in Law)
Amith Bafna (Brother) Sandhya Bafna (Sister in law)
Anitha - Amritji Lunkar (Sister & Brother in law)
Sangita- Roopeshji Gulecha (Sister & Brother in law)
44, Bafnas, The Raymond Shop, DD Urs Road
833, Bafna & Sons, New Kantharaj Urs Road
Mob: 9945333663
Condolence Meet on 16.3.2023 Thursday 11AM at Terapanth Sabha Bhavan, M.G. Road, Mysore

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Late Smt. P. Renukadevi
Retd. Income Tax Officer, Mysore
Expired on 15.03.2021
— Husband : M. Narendranath, Daughter : Keerthana. Brother : P.N. Kishor Babu & Family. 57, Model House, 5th Main, 6th Cross, V.Puram, Mysuru. Mob : 99024 41990

SHRADDHANJALI

Krishnama Raju (Babu)

Proprietor: Bhudevi Farm
Birth: 13-05-1959 — Death: 15-03-2023

Almighty has you in His arms. We have your fond memories in our hearts.
Thank you for the good times and the days filled with pleasure. We'll always treasure it.

Mourned by: Family members, relatives and friends

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